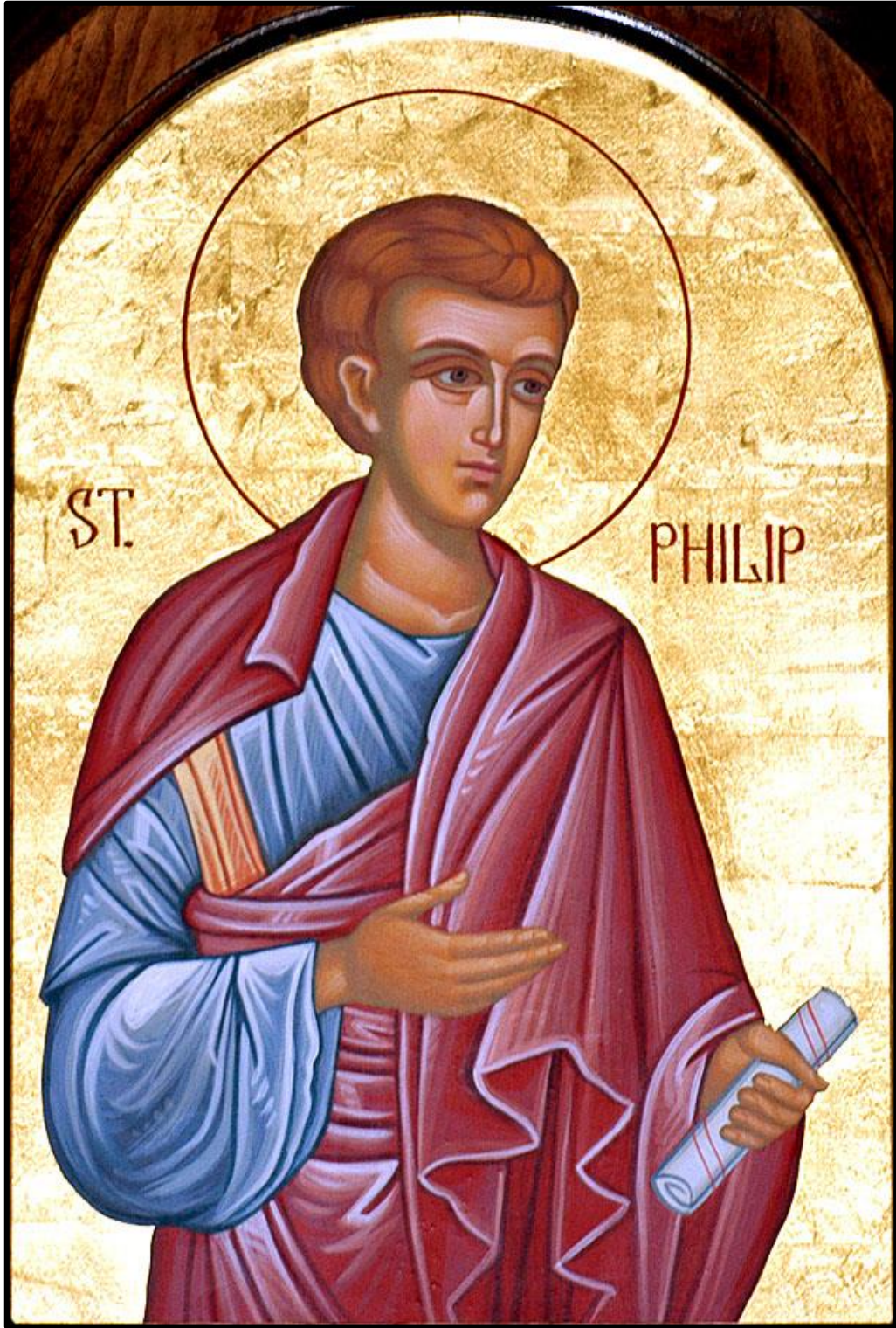


HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

Elmira Heights, NY – 607-732-3980 – www.holytrinityorthodoxchurch.org



**Sunday, October 11, 2020: 18th Sunday After Pentecost – Tone 1
Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council
Holy Apostle Saint Philip, one of the First Seven Deacons**

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES:

*Most Services May Be Joined by Live Stream at
Web Address www.facebook.com/htocelmiraheights
or go to www.YouTube.com and search for "Holy Trinity Church Elmira Heights NY"*

Today

8:50 AM Third Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

12:00 PM "Virtual" Fellowship Hour – by Zoom (Parishioners, Check Email for Directions)

1:00 PM Church School Meets – by Zoom (Church School Families, Check Email for Directions)

Saturday, October 17

4:15 PM Panikhida for Alexander Melnik and Sean Alexander Powers

5:00 PM Vespers

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CONCERNING FELLOWSHIP HOUR ON SUNDAYS:

As I announced earlier this week, we will discontinue having
in-person Fellowship / Coffee Hours in our parish, until further notice.

As you know, the incidence of Coronavirus infections has increased dramatically in our county. Cooler weather will prevent us having fellowship hour outside, and I do not think we should gather for fellowship hour inside at this time, with the current local concerns about Covid-19.

This is a difficult decision, because I so enjoy our weekly opportunities to be together, and I know that you do, too. I will host a Zoom "Virtual Fellowship Hour" after the Liturgy, starting today.

I know it is not at all the same thing as being together in person, but I hope that we can visit together that way, at least, until conditions improve again for getting together inside.

Thank you for your continuing, faithful participation in the life of our parish!

With love in Christ,
Fr. David

CHOIR GROUP SCHEDULE

Group A: Reader William & Carol Haluszczak

Group B: Maria Turic, Toni Weeks & Steve Cheplick

Group C: Adam McKane & John Terry

10/11: Group B 10/18: Group C 10/25: Group A

READER SCHEDULE

10/10-11: Mat. Tamara & Rdr. Gabriel Cowan 10/17-18: Alex Charlanow
10/24-25: Mat. Tamara and Reader Gabriel 10/31 – 11/1: Steve Cheplick

SCRIPTURE READINGS

EPISTLES: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11 But this I say: "He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully." So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written: "He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever." Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God. **Hebrews 13:7-16** Brethren: Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them. We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate. Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach. For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come. Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

GOSPELS: Luke 7:11-16 At that time, it happened, the day after, that Jesus went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother. Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people." **John 17:1-13** Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves."

Prayer List

Memory Eternal: Anthony, Thomas, Theodore, Edward, Katherine, Helen, Raymond, Pauline, Stephen; Panagiotis; Henry. All those taken from us by the Coronavirus, by sickness, violence, and accidents.

For Health: Archbishop David of Alaska, Archpriest Jason, Archpriest Nicholas, Archpriest Daniel Kovalak, Archpriest Herman, Archpriest John, Archpriest Ken James, Rdr. Thomas & Mildred, Rdr. William, Mat. Cynthia, Mat. Anastasia; Steven Cheplick preparing for surgery this Wed., Juliana, Antonina; Brook; August; Jude; Peggy; altar server Andrew; Ryan; expecting mothers Larissa, Elena, Juliana, Ashley, Lauren & Matushka Margaret; Jane Ann, Susan, James, James, Child Hannah, Shirley, Joshua, Chloe, Helen, Nadezhda, Kathleen, Sherri, Ruth, Harriett, Katherine, Kristen, Anastasia, Sierra, Maria, Michael, Kate, Rachel, Lorraine, Abigail. **In the Diocese:** Metropolitan Theodosius, Fr. Joseph; Archimandrite Joseph; Fr. John; Fr. Andreja; Matushka Eugenia; Matushka Mary, Presvytera Irene; Sub-deacon Julio; Barbara; George; Jamie; Norvel; Julie; Robert; Carmen; Elizabeth; Roman; Lana; Anastasia; Ralitsa; Soterios; Aaron; Erin & child; Alonzo; Sub-deacon Peter, Iliia, Ludmilla, Sheila, Heather. Drs. Carol & Steven, Adam, Anna; Officers Luke, Boris & Charles, and all of the healthcare and public safety personnel in our parish and our communities; all those afflicted with the Coronavirus and those caring for them, those afflicted by sickness and injury. **Newly Ordained:** Deacon Michael Karney and his Family (9/12).

Parish Children:

Lucia	Hannah	Jeremiah	Andrew	Myra	Anthony	Anysia
Lydia	Natalie	Emilia	Patrick	Sophia	Dmitri	Jonah
Gabriel	Angelina	John	Thomas	Nikolai	Melania	Alexei
Larissa	Julianna	Nadia	Nathan	Justus	Gabriel	

College Students:

Anna McKane – Duke University

Katherine McKane – Sarah Lawrence College

Please give prayer requests to Fr. David, Dn. Michael, Subdcn. Walter, or Reader William.

Typically, prayers for Newly Departed and Health

remain on this list for 40 days, unless requested otherwise. Thank you.

PRAYER CONCERNING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

O God Almighty, Lord of heaven and earth, and of all creation visible and invisible: In thine ineffable goodness, look down upon us, thy people gathered in thy Holy Name. Be our helper and defender in this day of affliction. Thou knowest our weakness. Thou hearest our cry in repentance and contrition of heart. O Lord who lovest mankind, deliver us from the impending threat of the Corona Virus. Send thine angel to watch over us and protect us. Grant health and recovery to those suffering from this virus. Guide the hands of physicians and preserve those who are healthy. Enable us to continue to serve our suffering brothers and sisters in peace; that together we may glorify thy most honorable and majestic name, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

PRAYER IN A TIME OF CIVIL UNREST

Our Father, great and glorious God Who art in Heaven, yet Who dost look upon the earth with compassion, meting out Thy justice and Thy mercy upon nations: look down upon our earthly and temporal homeland, the United States of America, which is now divided by strife, and send Thy Spirit, the Spirit of peace, upon us like a heavenly Breeze, to restore peace to our cities, our countrysides, and our hearts. May He, the Spirit of truth Who leads the saints into all truth, teach us the truth, that we may abide in it, repenting of our error and ignorance. May He, the Spirit of righteousness, lead us in the way of righteousness, that we might cast aside and forever reject all hatred and bigotry. May He, the Spirit of Justice, strengthen us to restore justice to our land, that we may root out all corruption. O Father Almighty, adorn our rulers with a spirit of wisdom; adorn our civil authorities and the police and all who enforce the law with a spirit of mercy and restraint; and adorn all who dwell in our land with a spirit of love for one another, regardless of race or class. O Father without beginning, Who at the breathing of Thy Spirit didst cause dry land to appear out of the churning waters of chaos when the world was founded: deliver our earthly homeland from disorder, and grant us all to stand firmly on the ground of Thy justice and Thy mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to Whom is due all worship, together with thee, the God and Father, and the All-holy Spirit, the Comforter, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

MIND THE GAP:

First Principles &

Popular Theology

Our speaker writes, "Financial prosperity may not trickle down but ideas do. And the internet is the place where we find them. This is as true for theology as it is for politics. Most of us get our impressions, and even our opinions, from things we read online. This presents a problem. Between the 500 page book published by an obscure press and sold to university libraries for \$200/copy and the 5-page article we read for free on our favorite site, a lot gets left out. Given its global influence, this gap between popular theology and its sources ought to receive more attention than it does. What are our first principles? Our premises? How do we reason?"

Fr John Cox walks us through the challenge, with guidance from St Irenaeus of Lyons, Fr Georges Florovsky, and St Tikhon's graduate, Fr Matthew Baker, of blessed memory. "Mind the Gap: First Principles and Popular Theology."

A lecture by

Fr John Cox

Pastor, Holy Dormition Orthodox Church
Co-editor of the Digital Journal "Rule of Faith"

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OCTOBER 13, 2020

7-830PM

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<https://www.ancientfaith.com/podcasts/aftodaylive>

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2020: **Media Bias with Terry Mattingly**

Veteran journalist Terry Mattingly joins Fr. Tom Soroka to explore bias in the media and the current state of the First Amendment and religious liberty in the era of “fake news.”

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2020: **Keeping College Students Connected to Christ**

Orthodox Christian Fellowship Executive Director Dn. Marek Simon joins Fr. Tom Soroka to discuss the challenge of keeping our students connected to Christ after they go on to college.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2020: **From Satanism to Christianity**

Fr. Tom Soroka speaks with his guest James Cummings, a student at St. Sophia Seminary and a former Satanist. The title of their discussion is “Saved from Satanism.”

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2020: **Reaching Muslims with the Gospel**

Fr. Thomas Soroka interviews Ralph Sidway, author of *Facing Islam: What the Ancient Church Has to Say About the Religion of Muhammad*, about how to reach Muslims with the Gospel.

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP SENIORS AND AT-RISK FAMILIES HAVE SAFE HOUSING: “SHEEN HOUSING” (Bishop Sheen Ecumenical Housing Foundation, Inc.)

This appeal came in the mail this week, and I thought it was worth sharing.

“The COVID-19 Pandemic of 2020 descended upon New York State like a tidal wave ... The impact on vulnerable families and seniors is unprecedented, leading to incredible challenges. This year a safe home is more important than ever before.

“Our mission aligns with the COVID-19 recovery efforts, so we are doubling down on our work to assist at-risk households with critical health and safety home repairs.

“If you are able to support our efforts with a donation of any amount, thank you. Your donation will allow low-income families, seniors, veterans, and persons living with disabilities access to much needed health and safety home repairs, such as hot water tanks, heating, plumbing, roofing, electrical repairs. Your donation allows families and seniors to remain safe, secure, and independent in their homes.

“Thank you for your continued support during this time of such uncertainty.
We wish you all the best this coming Holiday Season.”

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